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SUBJECT: SENATOR CHILES' INITIATIVE ON CUBAN INVOLVEMENT  
IN NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING

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2. MISSION HAS STUDIED WITH INTEREST SENATOR CHILES' REQUEST TO PRESIDENT REAGAN FOR U.S. TO BRING CUBA'S ALLEGED SUPPORT FOR NARCOTICS DEALERS INVOLVED IN SMUGGLING DRUGS INTO THE U.S. AND OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE HEMISPHERE TO THE ATTENTION OF THE INCB, UNFDC AND UNDO. MISSION BELIEVES THAT THE CHARGES ARE SERIOUS ENOUGH TO WARRANT A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION. ANY FINDINGS FROM SUCH AN INVESTIGATION WHICH WOULD SUPPORT A CREDIBLE CASE AGAINST THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT COULD THEN BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE UN AND OAS AS A VIOLATION OF CUBA'S OBLIGATION UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW TO REFRAIN FROM ACTIONS INJURIOUS TO OTHER SOVEREIGN STATES. HOWEVER, MISSION SUGGESTS THAT U.S. REPRESENTATIVE IN VIENNA BE CONSULTED ON WHETHER IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO INVOLVE THE UN'S TECHNICAL AGENCIES FOR NARCOTICS CONTROL IN THIS MATTER.

3. USUN BELIEVES THAT IF THE EVIDENCE IS CONVINCING AND CONCLUSIVE IT COULD BE USED BY THE USDEL DURING THE 39TH UNGA AND AT THE OAS TO PUBLICLY INDICT THE CUBAN AUTHORITIES. THE MISSION REQUESTS THE DEPARTMENT TO EXPLAIN TO THE OFFICE OF SENATOR CHILES, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, THAT AT THIS POINT USUN CANNOT COMMIT ITSELF TO ANY SPECIFIC ACTION WITHIN THE UNGA UNTIL WE HAVE RECEIVED THE EVIDENCE THAT WOULD BE NEEDED TO SUPPORT OUR CASE AGAINST THE GOC, BUT THAT WE FULLY CONCUR WITH THE SENATOR THAT ANY ILLEGAL ACTIONS BY THE CUBAN AUTHORITIES OUGHT TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE UN AND THE OAS. THEREFORE, IF A CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION ON THIS MATTER IS LIKELY TO BE INTRODUCED, USUN HOPES THAT IT WILL BE DRAFTED SO AS TO ALLOW THE MISSION MAXIMUM LATITUDE IN THE MANNER IN WHICH

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4. COMMENT: IT IS UNFORTUNATE BUT, NEVERTHELESS, TRUE THAT NOT EVEN CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE CAN ASSURE THAT THE U.N. WOULD EVEN CONSIDER TO DISCUSS MATTERS THAT ARE OPPOSED BY THE THIRD WORLD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SOVIET BLOC. THE U.S. DOES NOT HAVE THE VOTES NECESSARY TO INSCRIBE AN ITEM IN THE U.N.'S AGENDA. THEREFORE, USUN IS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT THE LIKELIHOOD OF SUCCESS. BUT WE ARE WILLING TO GIVE IT A TRY. AT A MINIMUM WE CAN USE THE INFORMATION IN A SPEECH IN THE THIRD COMMITTEE TO EXPOSE THE ILLEGAL ACTIVITY OF THE CUBANS. IT WOULD OBVIOUSLY TRIGGER A HEATED DEBATE WITH THE CUBANS WHO MIGHT WELL ACCUSE THE U.S. OF BEING THE LARGEST CONSUMER OF DRUGS IN THE WORLD AND MAINLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL DRUG PROBLEM, AS, IN FACT, HAS ALREADY BEEN ARGUED IN THE THIRD COMMITTEE. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT MANY OF OUR CLOSEST FRIENDS (I.E. PAKISTAN, THAILAND, TURKEY, COLOMBIA, PERU, ECUADOR AND OTHERS) WOULD OBVIOUSLY FEEL UNEASY ABOUT THE U.S. INITIATIVE SO THAT WE SHOULD COUNT ON EVEN WEAKER SUPPORT THAN IS USUALLY THE CASE WITH NARCOTICS CONTROL ISSUES IN THE U.N. END COMMENT.

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